

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. Claims 1-16, 34-36 and 41-111 are canceled, and claims 17-33 and 37-40 are pending.
2. Pending claims 17-33 and 37-40 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest arts Niemoller et al. (DE 196 28 341 A1) and Warner et al. (US 5,747,148) teach a recording material comprising a carrier material, an adhesive layer on the carrier material, a white layer on the adhesive layer and an image receiving layer on the white layer. Niemoller and Warner either singly or as a combination do not teach or suggest the adhesive layer includes dispersed spherical polyester particles of a granular size of less than 30um; and the white layer includes an elastic plastic and white inorganic pigment, wherein the elastic plastic and white inorganic pigment do not melt at a temperature up to about 220°C.
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Betelhem Shewareged whose telephone number is (571)272-1529. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm.

6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Ruthkosky can be reached on 571-272-1291. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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